

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A system adapted to alter a feature of a substrate, said system comprising:
  - (a) a probe having a plurality of channels through said probe to exit at an apex of said probe, said apex having a diameter of about 0.1 to 3  $\mu$ m.
  - (b) means for maneuvering said apex of said probe to a site proximate to a target feature to be altered, and
  - (c) a source of a first chemical coupled to a first said channel for delivery of said chemical through said apex, and
  - (d) a source of at least one of a second chemical, a diluting fluid, an expulsion gas, and suction, coupled to a second channel for delivery though said apex.
2. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein said second channel is coupled to a source of a second chemical, and said second chemical is adapted to mix with said first chemical after exiting said apex to form a reactive species.
3. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein said second channel is coupled to a source of diluting fluid, said diluting fluid adapted to dilute effluent from a reaction at said site to spatially confine an effect of said reaction.

4. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein said second channel is coupled to a source of suction, said suction being adapted to remove effluent from a reaction at said site to spatially confine an effect of said reaction.
5. (original) The system of claim 4 wherein said suction is adapted to remove hot effluent from said reaction.
6. (original) The system of claim 4 wherein said suction is adapted to remove a product of said reaction.
7. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein said channels are arranged parallel to each other in said probe.
8. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein said channels are arranged concentrically to each other in said probe.
- 9 - 20. Canceled.

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